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AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE COMES ALIVE AT THE DURHAM FAIR

By Steve Jensen, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Revczky

Ten-year-old Noah Burr had plenty of distractions swirling around him at the Durham Fair last weekend, but none could break his focus on the farm chore he was intent on perfecting.

Surrounded by the sounds of the midway and the carnival rides and the smell of untold varieties of food, the Higganum boy sporting a green John Deere hat spent a solid hour working a hand-cranked corn sheller.

"This shells it and then it goes into a grinder," Noah explained as he worked to fill a white plastic bucket with kernels. "It goes pretty quick."

His instructor was Bob Thody, Superintendent of the fair's extensive Farm Museum, whose family's farming roots in Durham date to the 1880s.

"I remember my grandparents using one when I was a kid," Thody said of the corn sheller, "but nobody really uses them anymore."

Thody recalled when Durham was home to perhaps a dozen farms or more, and lamented that there are now only two - Greenbacker's Brookfield Farm and Deerfield Farm.

He and other fair officials say that is why they are working hard to engage younger people like Noah in agriculture

through demonstrations, exhibits and hands-on work like the corn sheller.

"We're trying to preserve Durham's agricultural heritage by showing them how it's done," Thody said as crowds streamed into the fairgrounds last Friday afternoon. "Back then, it was all very labor intensive."

Fair President Dan Miramant said when he and his management team came in four years ago, they were intent on reinvigorating agricultural education and preservation during the four-day event that typically draws 200,000 visitors, making it Connecticut's largest agricultural fair.

"Our mission has been to get back to the roots of this fair," he said. "There's not enough focus on agriculture these days and this is a great opportunity to do that. We're not going to change the world, but we're trying to do our small part."

Yes, there are still plenty of non-farm events and entertainment like monster truck shows and demolition derbies, a selfie contest, a hot-wings eating competition and the Mud Pit Belly Flop Contest, held in the Redneck Arena. But the fair's renewed emphasis on agriculture is unmistakable.

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

| | LOW | HIGH |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing | | |
| breakers 75-80% lean | 65.00 | 69.00 |
| boners 80-85% lean | 64.00 | 68.00 |
| lean 88-90% lean | 55.00 | 61.00 |
| SLAUGHTER STEERS | | |
| Hi Ch/Prime 3-4 | 113.00 | 118.00 |
| Choice 2-3 | 108.00 | 113.00 |
| Sel 1-2 | 102.00 | 108.00 |
| SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS | | |
| Hi Ch/Prime 3-4 | 102.00 | 106.50 |
| Ch 2-3 few | 95.00 | 100.50 |
| Sel 1-2 few | 90.00 | 95.50 |
| CALVES - Graded bull | | |
| No 1 90-128 lbs | 80.00 | 90.00 |
| SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn | | |
| Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3 | | |
| 90-110 lbs | 192.00 | 212.00 |
| 110-130 lbs | 160.00 | 200.00 |
| 130-150 lbs | 162.00 | 197.00 |
| SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3 | | |
| 120-160 lbs | 112.00 | 122.00 |
| 160-200 lbs | 110.00 | 120.00 |
| SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1 | | |
| 40-60 lbs | 125.00 | 145.00 |
| 60-80 lbs | 150.00 | 190.00 |
| 80-100 lbs | 190.00 | 225.00 |
| SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1 | | |
| 100-150 lbs | 245.00 | 260.00 |
| 150-250 lbs | 425.00 | 445.00 |
| SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1 | | |
| 80-130 lbs | 190.00 | 215.00 |
| 130-180 lbs | 210.00 | 245.00 |

DAIRY REPLACEMENT COWS

Sold by the head.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| FRESH COWS: | | |
| SUPREME | 1500.00 | 1675.00 |
| APPROVED | 1300.00 | 1475.00 |
| MEDIUM | 900.00 | 1275.00 |
| CULL COWS: | 400.00 | 925.00 |
| SPRINGING HEIFERS (7-9 MONTHS) | | |
| SUPREME | 1475.00 | 1525.00 |
| APPROVED | 1250.00 | 1500.00 |
| MEDIUM | 1000.00 | 1200.00 |

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

| | | | |
|----------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| 52-56 | 200-300 lbs | 52.00 | 59.00 |
| | 300-350 lbs | 51.00 | 54.00 |
| 48-52 | 200-300 lbs | 42.00 | 49.00 |
| Sows, US | 1-3 300-400 lbs | 15.00 | 23.00 |
| | 500-700 lbs | 35.00 | 37.00 |
| Boars | 200-300 lbs | 32.00 | 32.00 |

NATIONAL HONEY REPORT FOR NEW ENGLAND

September 26, 2016. \$ per unit.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| BEESWAX, WHITE, CLEANED, WHLSALE | | |
| 1 POUND BLOCK | 5.50 | 5.75 |
| 50 POUNDS | 2.20 | 3.50 |
| BEESWAX, WHITE, CLEANED, RETAIL | | |
| 1 POUND BLOCK | 16.00 | 20.00 |
| HONEY, RETAIL | | |
| 1 POUND | 9.00 | 12.00 |
| HONEY, FOOD SERVICE PRICE | | |
| 5 GALLON | 200.00 | 245.00 |

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

NEW ENGLAND GROWN

| | LOW | HIGH |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| APPLES, GALA, LOOSE | 28.00 | 30.00 |
| APPLES, HNEYCRISP, LOOSE | 55.00 | 55.00 |
| APPLES, MCINTOSH, LOOSE | 26.00 | 28.00 |
| APPLES, MAC, 12-3LB BAGS | 18.00 | 18.00 |
| BEANS, CRANBERRY, BU | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| BEANS, GREEN, MACH PK, BU | 24.00 | 28.00 |
| BEANS, WAX, BU | 30.00 | 32.00 |
| BROCCOLI, BUNCHED 14 | 13.00 | 15.00 |
| BROCCOLI, CROWN, 20 LBS | 11.00 | 15.00 |
| CAULIFLOWER, FLTJKTPAK, 9 | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| CAULIFLOWER, FLTJKTPAK, 12 | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| CIDER, APPLE, 4-1 GALLON | 19.00 | 21.00 |
| CIDER, APPLE, 9-1/2 GALLON | 21.50 | 24.00 |
| COLLARDS, BUNCHED, 12 | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| CORN, INDIAN, MINI, 12-3, 1/2 BU | 28.00 | 30.00 |
| CORN, INDIAN, 20-3, 1-1/9 | 38.00 | 40.00 |
| CORNSTALKS, 10/BUNDLE | 4.75 | 5.00 |
| CORN, STRAWB, MINI, 15-3, 1/2BU | 28.00 | 30.00 |
| CORN, SWT, BI-COLR, 60 | 10.00 | 16.00 |
| CRANBERRIES, 24-12 OZ | 28.00 | 28.00 |
| CUKES, PICKLERS, 1/2 BU | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| EGGPLANT, 1-1/9, MED | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| EGGPLANT, 1-1/9, LGE | 7.00 | 11.00 |
| EGGPLANT, CHINESE, 1/2 BU | 24.00 | 25.00 |
| EGGPLANT, THAI, 20 LBS | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| GOURDS, ORN, SHELLAC, 1/2BU | 22.00 | 23.00 |
| GRAPES, CONCORD, 8-1 QT | 24.00 | 26.00 |
| KALE, BUNCHED, 12 | 12.00 | 16.00 |
| PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB | 21.00 | 22.00 |
| PLUMS, STANLEY, 20 LBS | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| POTATO, RUSST, #1, 100Z, 50 LB | 11.00 | 13.00 |
| POTATO, RUSST, #1, 70-90, 50LB | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| POTATO, RUSST, #1, 100-120, 50# | 11.00 | 12.00 |
| POTATO, YEL, #1, CHEF, 50 LB | 17.00 | 17.00 |
| RADISHES, 24 BUNCHES | 13.00 | 14.00 |
| RASPBERRIES, 12-1/2 PT | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| SQUASH, ACORN/BTTNT, 1-1/9 | 12.00 | 22.00 |
| SQUASH, GREY, 1/2 BU | 24.00 | 26.00 |
| SQUASH, SPAGHETTI, 1-1/9 | 11.00 | 14.00 |
| TOM, CHRY, GHSE, FLAT, 5LB | 10.00 | 14.00 |
| TOM, CHRY, GHSE, 8-10 OZ | 20.00 | 24.00 |
| TOM, HEIRLOOM, GHSE, 10 LB | 25.00 | 28.00 |

NEW ENGLAND WHOLESALE PUMPKINS

\$ per unit.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|
| BIG MACK, XL, 24" BIN | 260.00 | 285.00 |
| BLUE, XL, 24" BIN | 260.00 | 285.00 |
| CINDERELLA, 36" BIN, /LB | .27 | .27 |
| CNDERLA, ORNG, 24" BIN | 285.00 | 285.00 |
| CNDERLA, WHT, 24" BIN | 260.00 | 285.00 |
| FAIRYTALE, OR/WT, XL, 24" BIN | 260.00 | 285.00 |
| FAIRYTALE, 1/2 BU | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| HOWDEN, 36" BIN, /LB | .21 | .21 |
| HOWDEN, ORNG, JMB, 36" BIN | 225.00 | 225.00 |
| HOWDEN, ORNG, L, XL, 36" BIN | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| HOWDEN, ORNG, MED, 36" BIN | 180.00 | 190.00 |
| KNUCKLEHEAD, XL, 24" BIN | 260.00 | 285.00 |
| MINI, ROUND, ORANGE, 1/2 BU | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| MINI, ROUND, WHITE, 1/2 BU | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| MINI, FLAT, ORANGE, 1/2 BU | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| MINI, FLAT, WHITE, 1/2 BU | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| PIE, SMALL, 1-1/9 | 15.00 | 16.00 |
| PIE, M-L, 36" BIN | 250.00 | 300.00 |
| PIE, SMALL, 36" BIN | 200.00 | 220.00 |

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION Middlefield, CT - September 26, 2016

| | LOW | HIGH |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Bob Calves: | | |
| 45-60 lbs. | 30.00 | 35.00 |
| 61-75 lbs. | 34.00 | 39.00 |
| 76-90 lbs. | 40.00 | 43.00 |
| 91-105 lbs. | 45.00 | 47.50 |
| 106 lbs. & up | 50.00 | 52.50 |
| Farm Calves | 55.00 | 140.00 |
| Starter Calves | 25.00 | 28.00 |
| Veal Calves | 130.00 | 165.00 |
| Open Heifers | 120.00 | 140.00 |
| Beef Heifers | 71.00 | 92.00 |
| Feeder Steers | 70.00 | 96.00 |
| Beef Steers | 71.00 | 92.00 |
| Stock Bulls | n/a | n/a |
| Beef Bulls | 93.00 | 105.00 |
| Replacement Cows | n/a | n/a |
| Replacement Heifers | 1@ | 800.00 |
| Boars | n/a | n/a |
| Sows | n/a | n/a |
| Butcher Hogs | 50.00 | 110.00 |
| Feeder Pigs each | 16.00 | 30.00 |
| Sheep each | 70.00 | 130.00 |
| Lambs each | 115.00 | 220.00 |
| Goats each | 80.00 | 330.00 |
| Kid Goats each | 55.00 | 180.00 |
| Canners | up to | 62.00 |
| Cutters | 63.00 | 66.00 |
| Utility Grade Cows | 67.00 | 71.00 |
| Rabbits each | 5.00 | 50.00 |
| Chickens each | 3.00 | 30.00 |
| Ducks each | 8.00 | 20.00 |

Auction open Columbus Day, October 10

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

| | | |
|------------|-----|-----|
| XTRA LARGE | .58 | .77 |
| LARGE | .52 | .66 |
| MEDIUM | .33 | .46 |

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

| | | |
|------------|------|------|
| XTRA LARGE | 1.06 | 1.19 |
| LARGE | .97 | 1.09 |
| MEDIUM | .54 | .64 |
| SMALL | .32 | .42 |

USDA-NORTHEAST RETAIL EGGS

Price Range. Per unit.

| | | |
|----------------------|------|------|
| USDA, GRADE AA | | |
| WHITE, LGE, 1 DOZ | .99 | .99 |
| USDA, GRADE A | | |
| WHITE, LARGE, DZ | .66 | 1.20 |
| WHITE, LGE, 18 COUNT | 1.67 | 1.67 |
| USDA ORGANIC | | |
| WHITE, XL OR L, 1 DZ | 3.99 | 3.99 |
| BROWN, XL OR L, 1 DZ | 3.99 | 3.99 |
| OMEGA-3 | | |
| WHITE, XL, 1 DOZ | 2.00 | 2.19 |
| WHITE, L, 1 DOZ | 1.99 | 2.50 |
| BROWN, XL, 1 DOZ | 2.50 | 2.50 |
| CAGE-FREE | | |
| BROWN, XL, 1 DOZ | 3.34 | 3.34 |
| BROWN, L, 1 DOZ | 2.97 | 3.00 |
| VEGETARIAN | | |
| BROWN, LGE, 1 DOZ | 1.99 | 1.99 |

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Its three livestock barns and other exhibition buildings are home to more than 12,000 entries every year, including many related to plant science and crop cultivation.

Three times a day, the area around the Farm Museum's impressive outdoor display of more than 30 old tractors buzzes with demonstrations of early farm implements, including a lime crusher, a corn chopper, a wood saw and lungers engine, corn shellers and grinders and a century-old hay press.

The pulley-driven hay press is manually loaded, and compresses the hay into bales whose size are controlled by the use of small wooden gates on either side of the baler.

Five years ago, the machine was in serious disrepair at the fairgrounds when Middletown farmer Harold Graves volunteered to take it home and restore it.

"It was falling apart and had a lot of missing parts because people had been scavenging from it," Graves recalled as he took a break from readying a giant stack of hay that would be used in the next demonstration. "Took me two years to restore it and I worked hard on it."

The fair has also recruited more 4-H members and agriscience students into its force of 1,600 volunteers. An all-ages group meets at the farm museum once a week year-round to restore old tractors and other farm equipment that is brought out every year for display.

"Everybody comes down and grabs a wrench and gets to it," said Chris Mumford, 22, of Hamden, who was part of a crew that recently restored a 1932 John Deere "D" tractor that was prominently parked in front of the Farm Museum this year.

"It was a bucket of rust when we started," chimed in Matthew Popp, 28, of Orange, another member of the restoration crew.

The museum's collection of donated items includes equipment, tools, belt pulley engines and other implements, as

well as displays focused on milking, beekeeping, raising chickens, logging, blacksmithing and harvesting of large and small crops. One wall is lined with more than 850 milk bottles from Connecticut dairies.

"The museum is one of our treasures that a lot of people don't know about," said Debbie Huscher, marketing director for the fair.

Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said the fair, now in its 97th year, is an example of how agricultural fairs can evolve and grow over the decades while maintaining their strong connection to farming.

"I salute the Durham Fair and its management team for their multi-generational commitment to producing a classic Connecticut fair year after year that at its heart remains a true celebration of agriculture," Reviczky said.

A complete listing of Connecticut fairs is available at the website of the Association of Connecticut State Fairs:

www.ctagfairs.org

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WANTED

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MISCELLANEOUS

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CT FARM EMPLOYMENT CONNECTION

92-R. Hills Farm- Dairy farm in Hebron CT seeking part time worker to milk and feed cows and clean barns and pens etc. Call Greg at 860-573-2664.

95-R. Wanted: Experienced vegetable grower- looking for a full time person to help oversee a new branch of our existing farm business. Experience in field crops and greenhouse is a must. Please contact Charles at 203-214-1408 or crbeasley@albertus.edu



Above: Chris Mumford, (L) and Matthew Popp with a 1932 John Deere "D" tractor they helped restore at the Durham Fair Farm Museum.

Top: Farm Museum Superintendent Bob Thody shows Joshua Burr how to use an antique corn sheller.

Page 1: Joshua's father, Jason Burr, helps prepare a load of hay for a demonstration of a century-old hay press, seen in foreground.

FARM VIABILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 14, WORKSHOPS BEGIN NEXT WEEK

The program provides grants to up to \$49,999. Applicants must provide a 40% match through cash or in-kind services.

The Farm Viability Grant is for Connecticut municipalities, groups of municipalities, regional councils of governments, and/or agricultural non-profit organizations for projects that foster agricultural viability.

Grant guidelines and forms can be found at www.CTGrown.gov/grants. Workshops on how to write a project plan and apply for the grant will be held in three locations:

West of the River: Wednesday, October 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation at 32 City Hall Avenue in Torrington. Space is limited to 16 people.

East of the River: Tuesday, October 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Coventry Town Hall Annex (behind the Town Hall) 1712 Main Street in Coventry.

Central Connecticut: Friday, October 14 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Hartford Regional Market Conference Room, Building A, in Hartford.

Please RSVP 24 hours prior to the meeting to Jaime Smith, 860-713-2559 or Jaime.Smith@ct.gov. Directions and parking information will be emailed to all meeting attendees the day before the meeting.

FREE PA 490 WORKSHOPS FOR FARM, FOREST AND OPEN-SPACE LANDOWNERS

Come learn about how to potentially reduce your property taxes through Public Act 490, Connecticut's current-use tax law. Sponsored by the CT Farm Bureau and the Dept. of Agriculture.

- Wed., Sept. 28, 6-8 p.m., Lebanon Fire Safety Complex, 23 Goshen Hill Road, Lebanon.
- Wed., Oct. 5, 6-8 p.m., Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury.
- Thurs., Oct. 13, 6-8 p.m., CT Farm Bureau Assoc., 78 Beaver Road, Wethersfield.

Filing period for the 490 program is Sept. 1 to Oct. 31.

SHEEP SHEARING CLASS OCT. 22 AT UCONN

Hosted by The Connecticut Sheep Breeders Assoc. (CSBA) and UCONN Cooperative Extension Service at the UCONN Storrs Campus, Ratcliffe Hicks Arena from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This program is offered for those individuals who have a strong interest in learning how to shear sheep and have a basic understanding of sheep husbandry and handling

Class is limited to 12 students and preregistration is required by Oct. 10. Fee is \$40, or \$20 for CSBA members and UCONN students.

Send name, address, email and phone # along with registration fee and check written to "CSBA" to: CSBA Event, c/o Kathy Robinson, 743 Murdock Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450. Instructor: Matt Best. Contact Rick Trojanoski at Hopehollw@hotmail.com or 860-759-9334 for more information.

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